



H.Res. 1311 – Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1311 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Chaka Fattah (D-PA) on June 26, 2008. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ordered the resolution to be reported by voice vote on July 16, 2008.

H.Res. 1311 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1311 resolves that the House of Representatives expresses support for the designation of a National GEAR UP Day.

BACKGROUND

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) was established by Congress in 1998. GEAR UP is a Department of Education program which uses discretionary grants to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP funds are also used to provide college scholarships to low-income students.

GEAR UP currently assists 640,000 students in 46 States, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The program was funded at \$303 million for fiscal year 2007. The grants are made available to colleges, local education agencies, State education agencies, and partnerships involving businesses, community organizations, and religious groups.

[Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs \(GEAR UP\)](#)

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